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Applicant: Michael L. O'Banion et al.
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Examiner: Clark F. Dexter
Title: Adjustable Fence for Compound Miter Saw
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2001, Paper No. 5, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1 and 2, drawn to a miter saw with a handle, classified in class 83, subclass 471.3
- II. Claims 1 and 3-7, drawn to a miter saw with a specific saw assembly configuration, classified in class 83, subclass 486.1.



III. Claims 1 and 8-26, drawn to a miter saw with specific fence configurations, classified in class 83, subclass 468.3

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with the examination of Group III defined by Claims 1 and 8-26, drawn to a miter saw with specific fence configurations. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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